

Amendments to the Claims

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1-23 (Cancelled)

24-33 (Cancel)

34. (currently amended) An anionically stabilised addition polymerised polymeric aqueous dispersion polymerised from a carboxylic acid containing ethylenically unsaturated monomer selected from acrylic acid and methacrylic acid or combination thereof, a hydrophobic aromatic ethylenically unsaturated high Tg monomer selected from styrene and alpha methyl styrene, and a C₂-C₁₂ acrylate ester monomer, said ethlenically unsaturated monomers being selected such that:

- (1) their relative proportions satisfy the following Equation (I)

$$a = \frac{5 + b}{(c + d / 2.4)^2} \quad (I)$$

where

a = 2 - 13

b = weight percent hydrophobic aromatic high Tg monomer

c = weight percent acrylic acid

d = weight percent methacrylic acid, and

- (2) the polymeric dispersion has a Tg of from -15 to 30°C,
when used in preparing a paint so as to impart good tint strength and good viscosity stability to the paint, and impart good stain resistance to a paint film formed from the paint.

35-37 (Cancelled)